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STAKEHOLDER INPUT SOUGHT FOR CHOCOLATE BAY

Area Stakeholders Will Help Develop a Plan to Reduce Bacteria

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) invite area stakeholders to help develop a plan that will reduce high concentrations of bacteria found in the Chocolate Bay Watershed, including Chocolate, Halls and Mustang bayous. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 at Alvin Library, 105 S. Gordon Street in Alvin.

During this interactive meeting, participants will receive information covering local efforts to draft a plan that addresses the bacteria in the impacted watershed.

The Chocolate Bay Watershed is within the San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin (Basin 11) project area. The Basin 11 project is a multi-year process to improve the quality of waterways, specifically reducing bacteria levels. The Chocolate Bayou watershed includes all or a portion of nine cities, villages, census-designated places, and three counties (Brazoria, Fort Bend and Galveston).

Since 2015, stakeholders have met multiple times to develop a bacteria reduction plan. Attendees at the public meeting will review draft reduction measures that form the basis of a working plan for the watershed. The meeting is open to residents, businesses, governments, community organizations, and other stakeholders interested in taking part in the ongoing effort.

Information about the project and an overall project map is available online at h-gac.com.

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